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**Minutes from the 8 August 96 Meeting of the
Carswell/Air Force Plant 4
Restoration Advisory Board (RAB)**

Attendees

Community

Anita Baker
Barbara Baldridge
Reuben E. DeLoach
Denise Gordon
Mike Gross
Joan Spradley-Havel
Victor Havel
Julie Herron
Christopher Kern
Sue Jackson
W. R. Olshefski
D. W. Owen

Ed Von Kohn

B. K. Pressley

Carswell DERA (On-Base)

Joe Dunkle, HQ AFCEE
Lorraine Jameson, CH2M Hill

Carswell BRAC (Off-Base)

Olen Long, Site Installation Manager
Alan Flolo, AFBCA/OL-H
Shamaine Chambers, Informatics Corporation
Beth Thompson, Informatics Corporation

Air Force Plant 4

John Doepker, US Air Force
Capt Bob Cole, DCMC-LMTAS
Norman Robbins, LMTAS Public Affairs
Kay Parsons, US Air Force
Victor Dozzi, IT Corporation
Jan Wood, IT Corporation

Regulators

Jim Scanlin, City of Fort Worth
Robert Taylor, City of Fort Worth
Eve Kuniandy, Dept. of the Interior
Lel Medford, TNRCC

Welcome and Introductions

Joe Dunkle welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Air Force Plant 4 and Carswell joint RAB. He asked each person to introduce themselves.

Mr. Dunkle acknowledged that there were people attending the RAB for the first time. He encouraged all to participate.

Old Business

Minutes From Previous Meeting

Mr. Dunkle asked for comments or concerns from the last meeting's minutes. There were no changes. They will be prepared in final form.

RAB Charter

At the last meeting, the Carswell/Air Force Plant 4 Restoration Advisory Board Charter was drafted by the RAB. It has been prepared for signatures. Jan Wood gave instructions concerning the signing of the Charter. There will be a membership list mailed out. This list will be public information. Everyone who signs the Charter will be a member of the RAB. Ms. Wood stated the membership qualifications and identified ex-officio members.

The Charter was circulated and signed.

Mr. Dunkle stated that one could attend and participate in a meeting without being a member. Kay Parsons stated that the meetings would be held quarterly on the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m..

All RAB members will receive a RAB notebook. Ms. Wood described the contents of the notebook and how it might be utilized. The notebook includes sections for RAB information, minutes, regulatory background, factsheets, glossary, administrative record indexes, other information, and personal notes.

Program Status and Update

Carswell On-Base

(All presentations are attached as an addendum to the minutes.)

Mr. Dunkle stated that AFCEE has had the on-base program for about 4 months. They have been establishing the baseline, what is contaminated and what the cost to restore might be. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been generated between Air Force Plant 4, AFCEE, Navy NAS/FW, AFBCA (Off-base), 301 FW (AF Reserve) and Navy Environmental. The MOU should be signed soon by all agencies. The Navy is choosing to not sign the MOU until a compliance program is in place.

Program execution strategy has been discussed. It is a new program. Baseline, manpower needed and cost have been established.

\$1.2 million has been received for FY96 program. \$750K has been spent with CH2M Hill. They are performing various projects, including the groundwater well monitoring. \$450K is left. The TCE plume, possibly coming from AF Plant 4, will be investigated.

Mr. Dunkle asked that everyone review, question, and comment on the FY 97-00 budget pages. The plan is going to the Air Staff next Friday. Costs have been established as to what moneys will be requested. \$5.1 million per year will be requested for the next 4 years. Some of the projects can possibly can be contracted in December. Potential fallout money may be available at the end of the year. The total cleanup will cost approximately \$36 to \$37 million.

Projects are ranked according to relative risk (danger to human health or environment). Some sites are not ranked (NR), because there is no data to establish ranking. High ranking sites get first attention, then medium, second, then low, last. That is how funds are allotted.

Carswell Off-Base

Olen Long explained what will be transferred to the private sector, either the Carswell Redevelopment Authority, Westworth Village, White Settlement, Tarrant County or some other entity. He explained that the restoration sites had been divided between on-base and off-base.

Mr Long explained that phytoremediation is being used to attempt to prevent the migration of TCE offbase. Phytoremediation uses the natural processes of plants to remediate groundwater problems. It is a joint project between Plant 4 and Carswell. It seems to be very cost effective. Four hundred and eighty-five trees were purchased at a cost of 20 cents for each plant. Studies show it is a very effective method of remediation. Various plants can be used. It is a very important research project for the Air Force and the results are being studied carefully. It could reduce the cost of cleanup at sites across the country.

Mr Long reported that the BRAC FY96 projects are 100% funded and the FY97 program has been accelerated to begin at the end of '96. The FY96 program is about \$7 million, FY97 is \$10.8 million and FY98 is \$5.4 million. Programs are ranked first by risk and then by priority.

Air Force Plant 4

John Doepker made a presentation on ECAMP. An ECAMP is an audit of Air Force bases and plants to ensure that environmental programs are working well and meeting regulatory requirements. Inspections are performed yearly by ASC/EM. Inspections are performed by Headquarters every three years. The team is made up of civilian and military personnel from various backgrounds and specialty fields to look at the project from their specialized field's point of view. They look for any deviations from compliance and environmental laws and regulations. There are three categories of findings: significant, major and minor. When findings are identified, they are associated with an organization who is assigned the responsibility to solve the problem.

The last ECAMP was done by Headquarters on March 18-22, 1996. There were 24 findings. None were significant, 13 were major and 11 were minor. Findings must be closed at a rate of 50% in 90 days, 85% in 180 days, 95% in 1 year and 100% by 2 years. Over 90% of the '96 findings were closed at 90 days.

Next Meeting Date and Agenda Items

The next meeting of the Carswell/Air Force Plant 4 RAB will be held on Thursday, November 14, 1996 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting may be held at a different location to accommodate the increased attendance. That will be communicated in a mail out.

There were no items suggested for the next meeting's agenda. An item may be placed on the agenda by calling one of the civilian or government co-chairs.

A phone roster of all RAB members will be mailed to every member.

Tour of Environmental Sites on Carswell and AFP 4

A tour was taken of the Carswell and Air Force Plant Four remediation sites. Information was shared about each site. The tour ended at 10:00 p.m. and the meeting was adjourned.

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